

WI-160
Thomas B. Moore House
Quantico
Private

c. 1880-90

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: THOMAS B. MOORE HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-160

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL-URBAN DOMINANCE (1870-1930)
- 4) Resource Type(s): SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-160

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic THOMAS B. MOORE HOUSE

and/or common OVERTON HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Quantico ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John Oatton

street & number P. O. Box 3 telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code MD 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1202

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 724

city, town Salisbury state MD 21803

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Historically identified as the Thomas B. Moore house, or more commonly called the Overton house, this two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame structure stands on the east side of Main Street in the center of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The center hall plan dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built around 1880-90, the two-and-a-half story, cross-gabled frame house, resting on a raised brick foundation, is sheathed with a layer of asbestos shingles. Asphalt shingles cover the steeply pitched gable roof which has extended eaves. A pair of narrow brick chimneys pierce the roofline. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay dining room wing, which is extended farther eastward with a single-story kitchen. Standing next to the house is a single-story outbuilding and in the backyard is a small Moore family burial plot surrounded by a decorative iron fence.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center double-door entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The paneled front doors are topped by a three-light transom. Three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows light the second floor, and a round arched window pierces the cross gable. The north and south gable ends are marked by single two-over-two sash windows on each floor, and the upper gables are pierced by multi-pane sash windows.

The two-story rear wing is two-bays across with a single-story chamfered post porch stretching across the south side. On the south side a partially glazed door, flanked by a two-over-two sash window, opens into the dining room. The second floor is illuminated by two-over-two sash windows, and the base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. The south side of the kitchen is covered by the porch as well, which is enclosed at the east end as a pantry. A six-panel door with four replacement glass panels opens into the kitchen.

The interior of the house is relatively unchanged since the late nineteenth century. Fixed in the center hall is a turned baluster stair with a squarish newel post topped by an urn finial. The newel posts and turned balusters support a molded handrail. Four-panel doors in the house are framed by bulls-eye block surrounds, and factory-made mantels accent the fireplaces.

A single-story two-room frame outbuilding stands adjacent to the kitchen porch, and it rests on brick piers. The rectangular structure is sheathed with plain weatherboards and covered by a tin roof. The west room retains a faint layer of whitewash.

Centered in the backyard is the Moore family burial plot which is surrounded by a decorative iron fence. Buried in the small cemetery are Thomas B. Moore (b. October 10, 1823, d. August 3, 1902); Rachel W. Moore (d. July 16, 1887 at age 59 years, 11 months, and 11 days) and their daughter Mary Elizabeth Moore.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to its relatively well-preserved condition along with the Moore family cemetery, this property falls under Category B, which signifies a site that should be preserved as a structure exhibiting good architectural details representing a good example of architectural development and style, and supporting the character of the district.

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THOMAS B. MOORE HOUSE
Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

1202/724 J. Leroy Overton, Surviving tenant by
the entirety of Helen J. Overton (who died
on or about 5/19/1989)

to

12/9/1989 John H. Carlton

JWTS 565/443 Evelyn E. Dennis

to

7/10/1963 J. Leroy Overton
Helen J. Overton

JWTS 565/440 Levin R. Overton
Eula B. Overton

to

7/10/1963 Evelyn E. Dennis

JCK 114/15 Eusebius Collier and Martha S. Collier
of Newark, New Jersey

to

10/2/1919 John D. Overton
same land conveyed in two deeds from Clara
D. Disharoon, widow

1.) to Martha S. Collier, 12/4/1917
JCK 107/378

2.) to Eusebius Collier, 10/1/1919
JCK 113/591

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Chain of title continued

EAT 57/332

William F. Fletcher

to

1/12/1908

W. Scott Disharoon

and which was devised to Clara D.
Disharoon by her husband the said W.
Scott Disharoon, deceased, by will
Oct. 14, 1915, JWD 1/101

FMS 2/292

Benjamin E. Moore and others (T. Lorenzo
Moore, George M. Moore, and Rollie Moore

to

3/5/1887

William F. Fletcher

\$700 house and lot of ground on which
George Moore lately deceased

JCK 113/591

Clara D. Disharoon, widow

to

10/1/1919

Eusebius Collier of Newark, N. J.

JTT 22/140

Thomas B. Moore and wife May T. Moore

to

4/15/1898

Winfield Scott Disharoon

By two deeds;

1.) 2/15/1895, JTT 14/265

2.) 4/15/1898, JTT 22/140

all that house and lot of ground with the
store house thereon on the east side of
Main Street

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Chain of title continued

JTT 14/265

Thomas B. Moore

May T. Moore

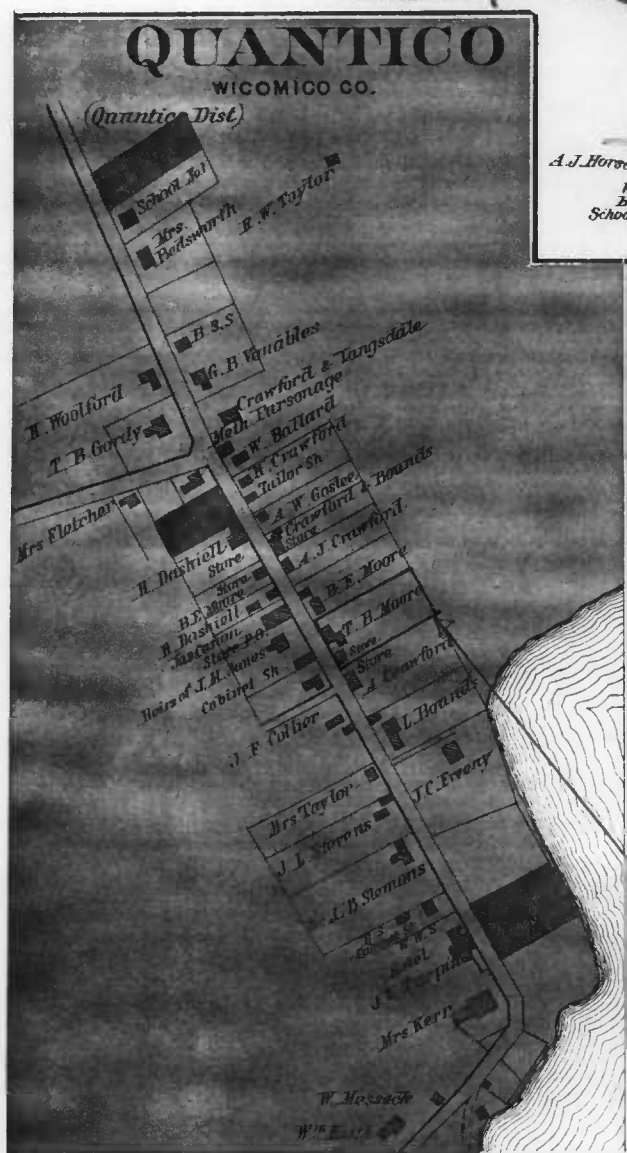
to

2/15/1895

Winfield Scott Disharoon

\$1,000 our house and lot situated in Quantico...the same being the house and lot I purchased of Mrs. Sarah L. Goslee, dec'd, except my graveyard in the garden enclosed by iron railing and eighteen inches of growing outside of said railing running around the enclosure which I reserve with the priviledge of out let and from said graveyard when circumstances require...

also the ground and store house on which the store house is built including the ground and pavement in front of said store to the street is reserved and not sold with the above described property with priviledge of those occupying the said store house to pass around said house in opening or closing shutters.



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1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
Atlas

MARYLAND
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THOMAS B. MOORE HOUSE
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY

